



Multicultural Health Network

Committee Purpose & Goals

MHN Committees	Purpose	Key Stakeholders	Short-term Goal 1yr term completion	Long-term Goal 3-5yr term completion
Steering/ Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the entire network 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and execute annual MHN conference 			
CLAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote and monitor culturally and linguistically appropriate services in healthcare, social service and behavioral health facilities. To promote the national standards in healthcare interpretation and translation. Environmental Scan: To provide assistance in the implementation of CLAS Standards to healthcare facilities serving diverse communities 	*Association for Utah Community Health *Community Health Centers Inc. *Health Access Project *Health Insight *Intermountain Healthcare *Molina Healthcare of Utah Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield *Shriners Hospital United Healthcare *University of Utah Hospital & Clinics	<u>Environmental Scan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of current implementation of CLAS standards in healthcare, social service and behavioral health facilities. Level of proficiency of current interpreters. Training available for interpreters. <u>Year 1 Goal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Standards. Promote use of interpreting services in all healthcare facilities. 	-Certification of Medical Interpreters -all health facilities, health plans, clinics are well on the path to delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate health care.
Data/Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To examine promising practices locally and nationally in disparities data collection, reporting, and usage. To expand the use of those promising practices and among all providers. 		<u>Environmental Scan (6 months)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of most glaring disparities Capacity to collect, analyze, share, and use data <u>Year 1 Goal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Highlight 1 best practice w/respect to collecting data and using it to improve health outcomes for 1 indicator (ex: heart disease) -create searchable online library (Endnote) of health disparities research literature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vast majority of providers and health plans are collecting and using data to improve health outcomes & reduce disparities
Policy/ Coverage/ Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that health equity/health disparities are part of the covering uninsured conversations and solution development processes. To ensure communities of color are making good use of public (& private) programs; to ensure that outreach/marketing of programs is reaching communities of color. To ensure real-time access to care. To create & promote policy initiatives known to address health disparities. <p>Make most of opportunities to improve access/address disparities at the Federal level: (ex: make ICHIA Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act part of SCHIP Re-authorization, remove the new Citizenship Documentation Requirement in Medicaid).</p>	-United Way Financial Stability Council -Department of Health -Governor's Office of Economic Development & State Office of Ethnic Affairs - -Utah Hospital Association -Utah Medical Association UHPP	<u>Environmental Scan (6 months)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of the extent to which current and proposed coverage/access initiatives are equipped to address health disparities. Analysis of other states health disparities initiatives and how Utah compares. <u>Year 1 Goal</u> <p>Communities of color are enrolled in medical assistance programs at levels that reflect their poverty burdens.</p>	Statewide health reform initiative has health disparities elimination as a critical focus (along the lines of MA plan or better)